Name of Branch	Previous Rent P.M.	Enhanced Rent P.M.
3. Khari Baoli, Delhi	3,512.44	8,995.44
4. East Patel Nagar, New Delhi	2,200.00	19,908·00 (with addl. area)
5. Rajendra Place, New Delhi	10,586.50	11,114.35
6. Rajouri Garden, New Delhi	4,770.00	16,570.60 (with addl. area)
7. Rohtak Road, New Delhi	1,845.00	6,000.00
8. Tilak Nagar, New Delhi	17,768·25	20,433·48
9. West Patel Nagar, N. Delhi	1,850.00	6,000·00 (as per Sup. Court Order)
10. Gymkhana Club, New Delhi	6,000.00	15,000.00
11. Mehrauli, New Delhi	900·00	2,106·30
12. Okhla, New Delhi	6,400·00	7,800.00
13. Sarvodya Enclave, New Delhi	2,000·00	2,500.00
14. Vinay Nagar, New Delhi	10,997.00	11,925.00
15. Zonal Office, Competment House, F-14 Connaught Place, New Delhi	2,12,445.00	2,55,055.00
16. Chanderlok Building, Janpath, New Delhi	1,06,640·00	1,79,955.00
17. Staff Training College, A-28, East of Kailash, New Delhi	25.000.00	26,900·00

Increase of rent of the premises taken by Punjab National Bank

2167. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Members of Parliament have written to Government for increase in the rent of some of the premises being used by the Punjab National Bank in New Delhi;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the rent of a premises at Panchsheel Park, being used by the Punjab National Bank has not been increased because of malafide intentions of some of the senior officers of Punjab National Bank and

(d) if so, what action has been taken against these officers and what are the reasons for not transferring them to other stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Such requests have been sent to the Bank for consideration on merits keeping in view the terms of lease deed between the bank and the landlord and the guidelines issued by the Reseve Bank of India in this regard.

(c) Punjab National Bank has reported that in respect of the premises at Panchsheel Park taken on lease by the Bank, the landlord requested for revision of rent after expiry of the lease deed. The Bank agreed to enhance the rent subject to the landlord

carrying out certain additions/alterations as per the requirements of the Bank. As the landlord failed to do so, the Bank has not enhanced the rent. The Bank has denied any malafide intention in not enhancing the rent.

(d) Does not arise.

Enhancement of pension

2168. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have increased the pension to the extent of a minimum of Rs. 375 p.m.;

(b) whether it is a fact that the pensioners in various States and Union Territories particularly in West Bengal are ot getting this increased pension for a long time; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what steps are being taken by Government to ensure that pensioners in all the States/UTs including the West Bengal pensioners also get this enhanced amount of pension?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) to (c) Minimum pension has been raised to Rs. 375 per month with effect from 1-1-1986 in accordance with orders dated the 5th March, 1987. Instructions were issued to all Pension Disbursing Authorities including those in West Bengal to ensure payment of revised pensions by June 30, 1987.

Liberalisation of refinance scheme by NABARD

2169. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development, under new Twenty point Economic programme has liberalised its refinance schemes for individual, partnership concern and also for promotional marketing support for setting up of Buffer godown for storage and marketing of agricultural inputs, fertilizers, pesticides, seeds, agricultural implements, purchases of delivery van etc. and enhance the refinance financial limit in view of the increase prices of various commodities during the last two years; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that scheduled banks are not entertaining refinance requests under 'NABARD' refinance programme from individual partnership concern and other organisations and thus not providing loan application forms with the result that 'NABARD' non-farm activities programme is a total failures; and

(c) what other immediate steps 'NABARD' have taken or propose to take to simplify its non-farm activities and to make its financial assistance programme more attractive?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has reported that it provides refinance facility to banks for financing construction of storage godowns and market yards by State Warehousing Corporations, cooperative societies/marketing committees in rural areas. NABARD also provides refinance for industrial projects set up by individuals, partnership concerns, public/private limited companies upto a maximum limit of Rs. 5 lakhs by way of composite/integrated loans. Bank loans to promotional organisations such as registered/charitable institutions, quasi-government promotional agencies, for setting up of infrastructural facilities, including purchase of delivery vans/trucks, for supply of raw materials and for providing market and technology support are eligible for refinance. NABARD refinance is also available to commercial banks and regional rural banks for extending finacial support to artisans and tiny entrepreneurs